

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have patriotically answered the call to national service through their enlistment in the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Allen T. Crist of Warrensburg, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an AH-64A Apache attack helicopter pilot who serves with the 1-135th Aviation Battalion of the Missouri National Guard at Whiteman Air Force Base; and

Whereas, currently serving in Iraq as an AH-64A Apache co-pilot and gunner with Company B, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Allen Crist was part of a four-Apache team that came to the aid of U.S. troops pinned down under heavy fire when the ground commander notified him that a soldier had been critically wounded and that medevac helicopters had not yet arrived; and

Whereas, Warrant Officer Allen Crist and the pilot of his attack helicopter landed their Apache in the middle of the firefight, and co-pilot Crist placed the wounded soldier in his own seat and then rigged a harness to strap himself to the fuselage of the aircraft for a low-altitude flight to a nearby field hospital where the wounded soldier received treatment and was reported to be in stable condition; and

Whereas, thanks in large measure to the quick actions and astute decisions of Warrant Officer Allen Crist, the injured soldier was safely transported out of the battle zone and upon refueling and reloading their weapons arsenal, they flew back to rejoin the firefight; and

Whereas, a member of the year 2000 graduating class of Knob Noster High School, Warrant Officer Allen Crist has earned a Missouri Commendation Medal and an Army Achievement Medal thus far during his military service; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Allen Crist at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Warrant Officer Allen Crist and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his selfless, heroic actions during battle in Ramadi, Iraq, that saved the life of a fellow soldier; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Allen T. Crist of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker